

Keywords

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SETTING THE SCENE

- » What's your favorite movie quote of all time? Share with the group why that particular movie quote stands out for you personally (was it because of the quote's meaning, the reason you watched the movie, etc.?). What movie genre did a majority of your movie quotes come from? Why do you think that is?
- » Have everyone in the group share their favorite Bible passage and/or story. Share why that passage or story has particular meaning to you. Have your favorites changed over time? Why or why not?
- » Why do you think we don't see the kind of healing and miracles today that the early church experienced? Explain.

THE STUDY

- » What single thing spoke to you this morning (either in the passage or in the sermon)? Why do you think God highlighted that specifically for you? What do you need to learn or do as a result? What do you still have questions about? Explain and discuss your answers as a group.
- » Read **ACTS 3:1-4:4** (or highlight the story as a group as you remember it from the message). What stands out for you in this passage and the story? What do you think is the overall message (why do you think Luke included this particular incident at this particular point in the book)?
- » How do you think you would have reacted if you had witnessed the lame man being healed by Peter? Would you have believed it outright or thought something "fishy" was going on? What if you heard about a similar incident today?
- » What was the primary message of Peter's message to the crowd? How did he try and convince his audience that they needed to repent and turn to God? Would that same message work today? Why or why not?
- » How did the crowd respond to Peter's message? Does their response surprise you or is it what you expected? Explain your answer. How do you think *Pinecrest* would handle 2,000 people being added to the church in a single day? What kinds of challenges would we have to overcome? How do you think we would handle the challenges?
- » David highlighted four keywords (okay, they're phrase, close enough) from this passage:
 1. "I'll give you what I have..." (Acts 3:6)
What does Peter give the lame man?
Does it go beyond his healing or was that enough? Explain.
 2. "Peter saw his opportunity..." (Acts 3:12)
Why was it so important for Peter to jump at this chance to speak to the crowd?
Why do you think John didn't speak up?
 3. "And we are witnesses..." (Acts 3:15)
What does Peter say he is a witness of (what event)?
Why is this important to the audience?
 4. "Repent of your sins and turn to God..." (Acts 3:19)
Do you think it was brave of Peter to make this declaration to the crowd? Why?
Should we be this bold today? Explain.
- » The result of Peter & John's events (the healing, the speech, and the conversions) isn't all good. A man was healed and 2,000 men join the church, but Peter and John end up getting thrown into jail. Why did the Sadducees arrest Peter and John and throw them in jail? Why do you think bad things often happen when big spiritual events happen within the church? Has that happened at *Pinecrest*?

APPLICATION

- » Which of the four keywords from this morning's passage and message did God speak to you about this morning?
 - Giving what you have to others.
 - Seizing the opportunities that arise in your life.
 - Being a witness of God's work in your life.
 - Repenting of your sins and turning to God.

How is God asking you to work on this particular area in your life? Share with the group what God is prompting in your spiritual life and what you'll be doing about it this week and in the coming months.

- » Is there anything else you took away from the message this morning that you need to share with group?
- » Share an example (or two) from your life where something "bad" happened after something "good" happened in your life. How should we respond to these situations? How have you typically responded?
- » What questions and/or thoughts do you have that you haven't shared with group yet? What are you waiting for?

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

- » Next week we unpack **ACTS 4:5-22**. Read the passage and highlight the major themes. Who are Peter and John talking to? What's their primary message? What's the key verse in this passage?
- » Verse 12 is a critical lesson for us today as much as it was "back in the day". Why is the truth of this verse so important? What impact does it have on us even today? What does it mean for you and the people you know?
- » The leaders of the day were surprised by the boldness and authority of Peter and John. Where did this come from? Can we have this same level of boldness and authority (even without formal training)? How?
- » Take notes on your questions and the major lessons you take away from this passage and compare them with next week's message.

CARING COMMUNITY

- » **SHARE** with the group how God has been speaking into your life or challenging you this past week (this may be as a result of the sermon or something in your personal journey). Is there anything from this week's LifeGroup discussion you need to work on?
- » Are there any **NEEDS** you have coming up in your life that the group can help you with (this may include spiritual needs, life needs, pretty much anything...)
- » **PRAY** for one another. Share your requests and praises with one another. Write them down here. If you commit to praying, please be sure you do it...